GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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DECLINE IN CONSUMPTION OF FERTILIZERS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in the consumption of fertilizers in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details of consumption of fertilizers during the said period, category-wise;

(c) whether an amount of Rs. 800 crore of fertilizer companies is outstanding against the Government under subsidy head due to non-issuance of sale certificate by the Government of Bihar;

(d) if so, whether many fertilizer companies have discontinued their sales business in Bihar; and

(e) if so, the action taken by the Government to provide fertilizers to farmers of Bihar easily at concessional rates?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) The consumption of fertilizers in Bihar during 2002-03 was a little higher than in 2001-02. The consumption in 2003-04 was marginally lower than the previous year.

(b) Fertilizer-wise details of consumption in the State of Bihar during the years 2001-02 to 2003-04 are as under:

(Quantity in `000 tonnes)

Fertilizer	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Urea	1201.40	1256.10	1309.29
Ammonium Sulphate	13.30	13.50	10.38
Calcium Ammonium Nitrate	0.00	4.00	11.38
Di Ammonium Phosphate	189.50	186.60	60.46
Single Super Phosphate	57.50	74.60	25.21
20:20:0	19.00	4.90	0.98
12:32:16	35.60	41.50	37.68
15:15:15	1.40	0.90	1.94
Muriate of Potash	72.60	33.30	31.86
Grand Total	1590.3	1615.4	1489.18

(c) Settlement of an estimated amount of Rs. 34.09 crore in the form of balance payment of concession on sale of decontrolled phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers to the manufacturers/importers of fertilizers is awaiting sales certification from Bihar Government for sales during 2001- 02 to 2004-05. However, actual amount payable would depend upon the extent of sales certification. In addition, in respect of P&K fertilizers sold during October 2002 to August 2003, full payment of concession is to be made only after receipt of sales certification from the State.

(d) As far as urea is considered, as the movement is being made under EC Allocations, there are no stoppages in supplies. However, other decontrolled fertilizers, especially Single Super Phosphate and Di Ammonium Phosphate supplies have been affected as some companies stopped supplies to Bihar due to suspension of process of sales certification by Bihar Government since 1998 which has since been resumed from the year 2003-04.

(e) After taking up the matter with the Government of Bihar, the sales certification beginning sales made in October 1998 has since been resumed. The Department has also restored facility of `on account` payment of concession beginning sales made in September 2003 onwards which had been discontinued on sales between October 2002 to August 2003 on account of suspension of sales certification.